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December 2, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS  
FOR THE 2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT  
CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS,  
AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (PROPOSITION 40)  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Adopt the attached Resolutions approving Los Angeles County's application for grant funds for the Per Capita Grant Program and Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Block Grant Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40).
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Office to file the attached Resolutions with the State Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, and to take all appropriate actions to execute the grant contracts upon approval as to form by County Counsel, and to submit and process individual grant project applications under the Grant Programs.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the County to access \$46,464,276 in grant contracts available under the "California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002".

### **Background**

The passage of Proposition 40 on March 5, 2002, provided funds for local assistance grants to acquire and develop properties of the State Park system, to acquire and develop neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreational areas, for land, air, and water conservation programs, including acquisition for those purposes, and to acquire, restore, preserve, and interpret California's historical and cultural resources. More specifically, these funds may be utilized to fund the following types of capital activities:

- Rehabilitation, renovation, and/or refurbishment of facilities/infrastructure priorities within existing County parks and recreational areas, including legal mandates, ADA compliance issues, and health and safety concerns.
- Development of facilities and infrastructure improvements that promote programs, projects, and activities supporting the wellness movement addressing the national health priority of obesity through a multi-disciplinary approach of creative partnership and cooperation.
- Provision of open, safe, and accessible local park lands and recreation area facilities/infrastructure, botanic gardens, and natural areas.

Under Proposition 40, the County is eligible to receive \$46,464,276 through the Per Capita and Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Block Grant Programs. In order to access these grant funds, the State's guidelines require THAT YOUR Board approve the attached Resolutions.

### **Certifying Resolutions**

The attached Resolutions approve the filing of a grant application and subsequent project applications under the Per Capita and RZH Block Grant Programs and certify that the County will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the proposed projects. The Resolutions also authorize the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), on behalf of the County, to execute and submit the grant applications, as well as any documentation that is necessary to complete the proposed projects, after approval as to form by County Counsel.

Upon execution of the grant contracts by the County and State, the County will be allowed to submit individual project applications to the State Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services. The CAO is coordinating the preparation of project applications with eligible County departments such as the Departments of Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Harbors, Public Works, and Museum of Natural History. Each project application will be presented to your Board for approval, by the CAO and applying County department prior to submittal to the State.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of these Resolutions is supportive of the County's Strategic Plan Goal 3 ensuring service delivery systems are efficient, effective and goal-orientated; Goal 4 to strengthen the County's fiscal capacity by investing in County facilities/infrastructure; Goal 5 to improve the well-being of children and families; and Goal 6 improving the quality of life for the residents by offering facilities/infrastructure improvements responsive to each community's specific needs.

#### Strategic Asset Management Principles Compliance

Approval of these Resolutions is supportive of the County's Strategic Asset Management Principles since funds can be used to acquire, develop, improve, rehabilitate, restore, and enhance County park infrastructure, recreational land and facilities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Approval of these Resolutions, and the subsequent contracts with the State Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, will make \$46,464,276 in grant funds available to the County including \$26,759,000 under the Per Capita Program and \$19,705,276 under the RZH Block Grant Program.

On August 13, 2003, the Governor approved AB 1747, which waives the provision for matching funds normally required by cities, counties, and districts to receive the RZH Block Grant Program funds. Additionally, there are no match requirements to receiving the Per Capita Grant Program funds.

Individual projects funded through the Grant Programs will be budgeted as project applications are approved by the State. Funds must be completely exhausted and all paperwork submitted to the State Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, by June 30, 2011.

### Operating Budget Impact

Approval of these Resolutions will have no impact on the Department's operating budget. However, there may be operating costs associated with specific projects and these costs will be identified as projects are submitted for approval.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONALS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Grant Programs are intended to meet the urgent need for safe, open, and accessible local parks and recreational facilities for increased recreational opportunities providing positive alternatives to social problems. They are also intended to maintain a high quality of life for California's growing population by providing a continuing investment in parks and recreation lands and facilities in urban and rural areas.

As a means of addressing these critical neighborhood park needs, the 2002 Bond Act provides \$46,464,276 in funds to Los Angeles County to implement the Grant Programs. The funds are allocated on a population-based formula to cities, counties, and Districts.

Grants shall be expended for high-priority projects satisfying the most urgent park and recreation needs, with emphasis on unmet needs in the most heavily populated and most economically disadvantaged areas within each Jurisdiction. Grants to cities, counties, and Districts are intended to supplement - not supplant - local expenditures for park and recreation facilities. They are not to diminish in any way the current efforts to provide park and recreation services.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Grant Programs funding will have a positive impact on the County since the funds can be expended for high-priority projects satisfying the most urgent park and recreation needs, with emphasis on unmet needs in the most heavily populated and most economically disadvantaged areas of the County. Many of the County's existing park and recreation area facilities/infrastructure are in need of renovation, rehabilitation, and/or refurbishment and will benefit greatly from this additional monetary resource.

### **NEGATIVE DECLARATION / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

This action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guideline Section 15061 (b) (3) because it can be seen with certainty this action will have no impact on the environment. Any projects funded by the Grant Programs will undergo the applicable CEQA review.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon the Board's action, please return adopted copies of the Board Letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Beaches and Harbors, the Department of Public Works, and the Museum of Natural History.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments (4)

c:     Executive Officer-Board of Supervisors  
        Auditor-Controller  
        County Counsel  
        Department of Beaches and Harbors  
        Department of Parks and Recreation  
        Department of Public Works  
        Museum of Natural History